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SUBJ: ECEVIT STATEMENT ON HOUSE VOTE ON EMBARGO

1. PRIMIN ECEVIT ISSUED A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON AUGUST
2 IN REACTION TO THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON AUGUST 1 LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED ON TURKEY.
THE STATEMENT WAS THE LEAD ITEM ON THE MID-DAY NEWS
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BROADCAST OF TRT RADIO. TRANSLATIONS MADE BY FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND PROVIDED TO EMBASSY FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER BULENT
ECEVIT ON THE DECISION TAKEN IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY.

FOLLOWING THE SENATE VOTE ON JULY 25, THE HOUSE, YESTERDAY, ALSO TOOK A DECISION ON THE WAY OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO WHICH HAD BEEN IMPOSED ON TURKEY FOR OVER THREE YEARS IN CONTRADICTION WITH ALLIANCE PRINCIPLES.

THE REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE HOUSE ON THAT OCCASION SHOULD BE APPRAISED AS A HOPEFUL ELEMENT AS FAR AS THE RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ARE CONCERNED.

POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND INITIATIVES OF PRESIDENT CARTER, THE ADMINISTRATION AND OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE EXISTENCE OF A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES TO THE BENEFIT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WOULD PEACE.

SINCE THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE HAVE TAKEN DECISIONS WHICH TO A CERTAIN EXTENT ARE DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER, A "CONFERENCE COMMITTEE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE CONGRESS IS TO PREPARE A JOINT TEXT.

ALTHOUGH SENATE AND HOUSE DECISIONS CONTAIN POSITIVE ELEMENTS, THERE ARE CERTAIN CONTRADICTIONS
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BETWEEN THE TWO TEXTS, AS WELL AS IN EACH OF THEM. THERE ARE ALSO ELEMENTS WHICH ARE NOT REALISTIC AND WHICH CAN RENDER DIFFICULT THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A STEADY IMPROVEMENT OF TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS.

I HOPE THAT THE FINAL TEXT WHICH WILL EMERGE FROM THE CONGRESS SHALL ELIMINATE THESE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS.

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